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'Pichi' set to pounce on J.U.S.T.



Footscray J.U.S.T. secretary Lou Tonovski (centre) is a happy man. Help has come at last in the form of two young Irishmen — Mike McIvor (left) and Jim McLaughlin.

Gary Byrne — Joe Picioane — Tony Henderson: that's the new Marconi midfield against Footscray at Schintler Reserve on Sunday.

Coach Raul Blanco will be looking to Picioane for the type of service Roberto Vieri used to give to Peter Sharpe.

Picioane's \$20,000 transfer from Footscray

By LAURIE SCHWAB

J.U.S.T. to Marconi was negotiated between the clubs late last week.

Footscray J.U.S.T. agreed to let him go because it welcomed two recruits from Ireland the same day.

They are Jim McLaughlin and Mike McIvor.

Picioane 28 — 'Pichi' as they call him — expects the move to Marconi to

give him a new lease of life.

He said he was determined to do well enough to perhaps get back into the national team. He played for Australia against Greece, Wisla Krakow and the New York Cosmos.

He scored Victoria's goal in the 1-0 victory over Partizan Belgrade in 1979 and played other State games against Wisla Krakow, AEK Athens, Cosmos and Red Star Belgrade.

He has scored 20 goals in PSL league and Cup matches.

Marconi coach Raul Blanco, an Argentinian, admires Picioane's Latin ball skills. Probably the most skilful player in Victoria, if not Australia, Picioane was once dubbed J.U.S.T.'s Rivelino.

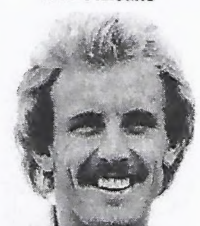
He first joined J.U.S.T. at the age of 19 but his stay with the club was interrupted by stints with Slavia, Waverley City and Hakoah, and also by a broken leg.

Irishmen McLaughlin and McIvor signed contracts with J.U.S.T. at Schintler Reserve last Thursday.

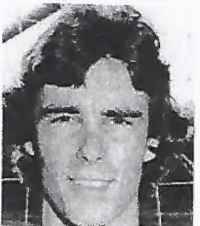
Another two Irishmen, Joe McGrory and Liam Monagle, will join Heidelberg United this week.



Joe Picioane



Tony Henderson



Gary Byrne

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Preston's Netzer hits at Docherty

Preston Makedonia's very own 'Netzer' has hit the Phillips League like a flash of lightning.

Netzer is the renowned West German international. Another Netzer, but a fresh young one who could make as big a mark as the first, is the more famous namesake made in the Bundesliga and in Spain.

Doug Brown is 22, solidly built and 'a ball of energy' according to Preston coach Brian Edgley.

Brown is the sort of character who would agree with Edgley's assessment but before you write him off as just another big-head, watch him play.

His speed and power have fitted like a glove into Preston's style.

Not only is he fast but he's got close ball skills to boot, a rare combination in Australian soccer.

Brown is from Airdrie in Scotland and when he was a youngster he played for Airdrie Academy alongside Preston teammate Gordon Flavelle.

They lived two streets apart and it was Flavelle who contacted Brown last year and set up negotiations with Edgley which culminated with Brown's arrival in Australia six weeks ago.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Brown arrived here after stints as a full-time professional with Scottish Premier League club Aberdeen and Sheffield United in England.

When he was 12 he became a full-time pro at Aberdeen.

The club was managed by Ally McLeod who was destined to manage Scotland in his ill-fated World Cup campaign in Argentina in 1978.

Canberra City coach George Murray coached Aberdeen's first team at the time and Sydney City coach Eddie Thomson was in and out of the first team.

South Melbourne Hellen star George Campbell also was at Aberdeen.

After scoring 22 goals in a season, Brown thought that his first team chance must come but former Glasgow Celtic stalwart Billy McNeil replaced McLeod as manager and placed Brown on the free transfer list. It was a cruel blow to the youngster but in his customary carefree style he dismissed McNeil's decision as a blessing in disguise.

"It was the best thing that could have happened because as things turned out I ended up with Sheffield United," said Brown.

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Doug Brown

Soccer collapsing claims Perkins

Soccer is in a state of collapse throughout Australia.

Our World Cup hopes are fading rapidly.

World Cup and world youth cup participation are only an icing on a decaying cake. When they are gone, we finally will have to grapple with reality of the most disturbing kind.

The ASF marketing programme is nothing but a frail facade, and the game as a whole is being undermined by bad management at top level.

So says former Canberra City president Charlie Perkins in an exclusive article for "Soccer Action" next week.

Perkins, who played for Pan Hellenic and Blacktown in Sydney, and Croatia and Budapest in Adelaide, has spent a lifetime in soccer and is disturbed that the game he loves is going backwards instead of forwards.

He explains his fears and he offers his solutions.

Don't miss this controversial article in "Soccer Action" next week.

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Coke Cup biggest and best yet

The coming FIFA Youth Championships for the Coca-Cola Cup have mushroomed to such enormous proportions even the organisers find it hard to believe it has happened.

When the series was started in 1977 it was to help the under-developed and let's face it, the "no-hopers" of world soccer to have a taste of the big-time.

Nearly all of the big time European nations did not bother entering. They did not want a bar of it.

The first tournament started on June 27, 1977 in Tunis and was called the world youth tournament.

Sixteen nations competed for the Coca-Cola Cup and the Bourguiba statuette.

This first series was of

course won by the USSR on penalties 9-8 after a 2-2 draw with Mexico in the final.

At that stage in the event Coca-Cola's involvement was \$2m to be spread over four such tournaments.

How times have changed it is estimated that Coca-Cola will spend around \$2.75 million on this year's event alone.

After the Tunisian series the 1979 series was held in Japan and eventually was won by Argentina in tremendous style.

This series really put the event on the map through tre-



TOM ANDERSON

mendous publicity and blanket TV coverage.

Now it is Australia's turn and this series will have to be the biggest and best of all.

For without doubt the teams participating here in October will represent the strongest field yet in the world youth championships.

The TV coverage will also be the most demanding and for the first time will be screened throughout the world.

It is hoped that all the organisational details such as stadiums, media facilities etc are all in hand and will click into gear when the kick-off comes.

FIFA president Joao Havelange was the main instigator of the world youth series and it is interesting to recall his

opening address in Tunisia in 1977.

"I see before me young people from all parts of the world drawn by the ideal of fair play, guided by feelings of brotherhood, which overcome all considerations of race, religion or politics."

"They have come drawn by the magic attraction of sport which is one of the most important factors in the devel-

opment of peace among all men."

"I am happy to see that under my presidency FIFA has been able to organise this event against the welcoming background of Tunisia, a young country too, also engaged in the development of a great future."

Unfortunately against the

might of the overseas nations of the host country Tunis fell apart in its first two matches and the same happened to Japan in 1979.

It is to be hoped that the same doesn't happen to our young Soccerroos in October.

It was also interesting to note that in Tunis in 1977,

FIFA organised an experimental game which included a testing kick (instead of a throw in) and short corners from the edge of the penalty area.

Wisely these procedures have been shelved.

What this first tournament did for soccer in Tunisia just cannot be counted in wealth.

Their senior team was caught up in the euphoria of the event and qualified for the 1978 World Cup final series in Argentina.

And in Argentina they played with great success and

had a fine 3-1 victory over Mexico and held the might of West Germany to a 0-0 draw.

Muzinic jail threat

Yugoslavia is expected to clamp down on players moving abroad until they have done their national service. Drazen Muzinic, now of Norwich City, faces a 10-year jail sentence unless he returns to do his spell in the forces and now Petar Borota of Chelsea is in the same dilemma. A move is afoot between the Yugoslavia Football Federation and clubs to compel players with thoughts of moving overseas to insist they do their national service first.

Klaus Fischer, the Schalke and West German striker recently returned to duty after being 10 months out of action with a severe leg injury to his right leg. Now Fischer has insured his right leg with Lloyds of London for \$100,000.

Larry Lloyd, the former Liverpool, Coventry and England central defender has quit

From JIM COOK
our European
correspondent

Nottingham Forest to become player-manager of Fourth Division Wigan Athletic.

George Best has been in a hospital alcohol unit in San Jose again, drying out after a massive bender to celebrate the birth of his son. The 33-year-old Irishman voluntarily signed himself into hospital. Best plays with San Jose.

Craig Johnston has become Australia's first million-dollar soccer player. Johnston, a talented young midfielder with Middlesbrough, agreed to join Liverpool — but the \$750,000 stg (£1.5 million Aust. dollars) deal will not be completed until the end of the season.

Alan Ball is back with Southampton, the club he left a year ago for his ill-fated Third Division venture as Blackpool's player-manager.

Officially the deal — which guarantees Ball \$2000 a week until the end of the season on top of an expected \$120,000

compensation from Blackpool — was completed when the Football League received his First Division re-registration yesterday afternoon.

Anderlecht are well on the way to winning the Belgian championship despite being heavily criticised for using a 5-4-1 formation in away games.

Hungary, who are in the same World Cup group as England, recently completed a disastrous tour of Argentina during which they lost four games and drew one.

George Burley the Ipswich Town and Scottish international defender is out for the rest of the season with "damaged knee ligaments" — a blow to the East Anglian club's bid for the UEFA Cup, F.A. Cup and League treble. Burley joined Ipswich from the Ayreshire juniors along with Kenny Taylor of Heidelberg.

PAUL MOON profiles two English newcomers to the PSL...

Dunleavy was key man for Green

Traditionally teams endeavouring to consolidate newly-won status in a higher grade obtain the services of an experienced, solid performer in the heart of their defence.

Wollongong Wolves followed this time-honoured procedure when signing Chris Dunleavy who appeared in no fewer than 404 English League games.

The tally would have been even higher had he not been in the substantial shadow of England centre half Brian Labone during his early days at Everton.

Liverpool-born Dunleavy

joined Everton in 1968 but soon realised that the ultra-consistent Labone would bar the way to first team football for many years to come and consequently was happy to move into the Lancashire coast, joining Southport of the Third Division in 1970, but was unable to save the club from relegation.

The highlight of four seasons with the "Sandgrounders" was the club's Fourth Division Championship success of 1972-73 during which Dunleavy made 40 appearances. It proved to be the only honor gained by the club during its 57-year league history.

Chester paid a club record \$24,000 to secure the Liverpool transfer in September 1973.

Chester coach Brian Green, later to spend a short but even-

tual period in charge of the Soccerroos, was in the process of building a formidable combination, using Dunleavy as the cornerstone of his defence.

The new centre half quickly became a favorite among Chester fans, particularly after subduing Aston Villa's Alan Evans in an FA Cup tie. He doubtless will be hoping for a repeat performance when Wollongong encounters South Melbourne.

Injury prevented participation in the latter stages of Chester's remarkable run to the semi-finals of the 1974-75 Football League Cup and the successful promotion campaign of the same season.

Returning to full fitness, Dunleavy played a vital role as Chester, promoted after 43 years of trying, established itself in the Third Division.



Chris Dunleavy.

Moving to Halifax Town in 1976, he scored in his debut, a 6-0 rout of Doncaster Rovers. The impoverished Fourth Division outfit offered few opportunities for glory however as it existed on the lowest attendances in the entire League.

Missing only six games in three seasons, Dunleavy was a defiant performer for the perpetual strugglers. The club's best performance during this period was the 1-0 victory over Manchester City in last season's FA Cup, in which the ever-reliable defender stood rock-solid against City's star studded forward line.

As a token of appreciation for his services, Halifax granted a free transfer, but not until after he had clocked up more than 400 league games.

His last appearance in English football was a memorable one as Dunleavy scored for both teams in a 2-2 draw with Port Vale.

As Wollongong continues to startle with its remarkable opening to this, its initial PSL campaign, Ken Morton can congratulate himself on his choice of personnel.



Ian Buckley

One of the strangest phenomenon of English soccer is the small percentage of youth internationals who make the grade at senior level.

When Newcastle KB raider Ian Buckley was called up for the England juniors in 1972 his team-mates included Phil Thompson and Kevin Beattie, both of whom have since gained their due fame and fortune, plus Kevin Lock, Peter Easton, Gary Locke and Dave Donaldson, now established favorites at Fulham, Everton, Chelsea and Cambridge United respectively.

The rest however have faded into obscurity, while Buckley's own career has fluctuated wildly.

Buckley made his English League debut for home town club Oldham Athletic a week before Christmas, 1971.

Despite a 4-1 home defeat by Shrewsbury Town, the young left winger obviously impressed and within six weeks was playing for England youth against their Spanish counterparts.

Injury and loss of form resulted in a prolonged stint in reserve team football and in 1974 he was loaned to Rochdale, having the mortification of playing for the team which finished bottom of the Third Division while Athletic was available on a free transfer, Rochdale would not offer terms and instead he moved to Stockport County.

County presented a prolonged run in the first team, but Buckley failed to settle, due in no small measure to the fact he was asked to fill no fewer than eight different positions in the course of 65 appearances.

In spite of a fine performance against Everton in a League Cup tie his name was once again added to the free transfer list. Just as it appeared he was on the soccer scrapheap, Buckley was reprinted by the astute Ron Atkinson, now boss at West Bromwich Albion but then in charge of Cambridge United, which paired Buckley at full back with Brendan Batson.

The Batson — Buckley partnership proved one of the most formidable in the lower divisions before Batson re-joined Atkinson at WBA. Today he is one of the most respected defenders in the game having played for England "B" against the Soccerroos last November.

During his three seasons with Cambridge, Buckley made 67 league appearances, sharing in the most successful period of the club history as it fought its way out of the Third Division and established itself in the higher sphere.

Still only 27 years old Buckley has much good football ahead of him and could well prove to be the most significant recruit of the 1981 PSL season.

Horatius at the bridge

The officiousness of Jim Dalglish, a Victorian Soccer Federation employee at Olympic Park, continues to be a source of embarrassment and wonder. Sam Papasavas, president of South Melbourne Hellas, stepped over the low fence next to the players' race at the river end of the ground to follow his team into the dressing rooms after a Cup game against Heidelberg. Dalglish knows who Papasavas is but he blocked his path and barred him from entering. When



Sam Papasavas

help of two policemen to keep Papasavas out, Papasavas, a solicitor and Melbourne City councillor, was pale with rage as he walked to the other race at the Swan street end of the grandstand, while Dalglish re-



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BATTLE LINES DRAWN AS ANZAC DAY CLASH NEARS



Steve Sumner



Glen Dods

With the battle lines clearly drawn, Auckland's Mt. Smart Stadium will be the setting for what is without doubt the most important Australia - New Zealand soccer clash in history.

Despite the ironical selection of Anzac Day as the date for this 1982 World Cup opener, there will be no love lost between these two former comrades in arms.

Big money but perhaps more importantly big reputations go on the line. Rival coaches Rudi Gutendorf and John Adshead (who applied for the vacant Canberra City post last year) have coaching futures at stake.

Both have said if they get their teams to Spain then they have a strong chance of returning to the mainstream of European soccer.

Both acknowledge each other as the biggest threat toward achieving that goal.

And although China-Taipei, Indonesia and Fiji have roles to play in the outcome of the Oceania group, it will surely be either Australia or NZ which conclude it in triumph.

The result of the Auckland meeting is crucial. Both coaches realise this and the war of words has begun.

Gutendorf's sharp tongue has been hitting the newsstands with increasing regularity but Adshead has replied with a few "underarm" deliveries of his own.

Gutendorf criticised PSL coaches for importing NZ internationals and giving them the opportunity to benefit from a much "higher standard of football."

Adshead has claimed that the six expatriates in his final World Cup squad were "ran ragged" by the locally-based players during a training camp in February.

Gutendorf believes the Socceroos will split the points in Auckland and finalise the issue with a convincing Melbourne win.

Adshead reckons his Kiwi side will be three goals up before crossing the Tasman.

Gutendorf is relying on his defence, marshalled around Barnes and Prskalo, being able to absorb anything New Zealand can muster in Auckland.

Adshead retorted that New Zealand will "kill"

Australia in midfield and then complete the job through the striking trio of Wooddin, Campbell and Turner.

Whatever the threats and counter-threats, claim-and-counter-claims, it is what develops on the park which counts. And already the park itself is the centre of controversy in New Zealand following criticism of playing conditions by Gutendorf during two previous visits here.

He called Newmarket park a "mudbath" after NZ beat Australia 1-0 in 1979, and last year termed McKinlay Park, venue for the NZ - Mexico clash, a "ploughed field."

The venue this time, Mt Smart Stadium, is in poor shape following a summer of field athletics.

Well aware that Gutendorf and Australian Soccer Federation secretary Brian Le Fevre will see the pitch two weeks prior to the game, New Zealand's World Cup director Charlie Dempsey said: "Gutendorf probably will hit the roof."

"But there's nothing we can do about that," he said. "I've been to the Mt Smart experts and they assure me the pitch will recover in plenty of time for the match."

While Gutendorf has chopped and changed his squad from the Centenary match against England, to the world tour in November-December and the recent match against Dynamo Zagreb, Adshead has maintained a settled team.

He has stuck with Steve Sumner as captain, even though the former Christchurch United midfielder has taken his impressive talents to Newcastle KB.

In spite of criticism from some quarters, Adshead has also included five other PSL regulars in his final squad.

Striker Clive Campbell and Brian Turner have been in top form following a close season switch to PSL newcomers Wollongong Wolves, while Glen Dods and goalkeeper Richie Wilson have been consistent performers in recent seasons for Adelaide City and Canberra Arrows respectively.

Wilson's Canberra teammate Duncan Cole also has managed to establish himself in the New Zealand side since turning to the PSL.

Of the locally-based players, cultured sweeper

Bobby Almond will prove a formidable final hurdle for Sharpe, Krncevic, Cole and Co.

He will receive considerable assistance from fellow defender Ricky Herbert (Mt Wellington), New Zealand's Young Player of the Year last season. At only 19 years he looks to have much to offer future Kiwi teams.

In midfield Gisborne City pair Grant Turner and Keith McKay threaten to establish a promising combination with skipper Sumner.

Up front Campbell and Turner, who caused so much havoc among Mexico's defence in the 4-0 romp last year, will be joined by Dunedin City dangerman Steve Wooddin whose powerful shooting is always a threat within range of goal.

New Zealand's World Cup preparation has taken on a professional outlook never known before in this country.

Although the budgeted \$150,000 for the campaign may look peanuts compared to the Socceroos publicised \$2m, it is nearly three times that which the New Zealand Football Association outlayed on the 1978 qualifiers.

The Rothmans National league has been split down the middle to enable the national side to plan its attack on Spain.

The World Cup squad will enter training camp on April 17 and the NZFA hopes to pay the players a basic weekly wage of \$100.

At a time when NZ domestic soccer stands on the brink of disaster, the common desire to see Adshead's Army do well has become a vital factor in a brighter future.

At the same time as New Zealand's approach to the Anzac Day showdown is running smoothly on all cylinders, Gutendorf's Socceroos have been plagued with problems.

The sorry episodes of the world tour concluded on a fitting note with captain Murray Barnes' public condemnation of Gutendorf's "military" methods.

Soon after, out-of-favour Jamie Paton spoke out along similar lines.

As if this was not enough, Gutendorf finally selected his squad only to encounter last minute eligibility problems with key men Ken Boden and John Yzen-doren.



Brian Turner



Clive Campbell

But despite the almost daily stories of despair and despondency emanating from across the Tasman, soccer followers in New Zealand know it would be unwise to under-estimate the ability of Gutendorf's combination.

Regardless of any problems which may beset the Socceroos, there is no doubt that their preparation has been far more professional than New Zealand.

While the Kiwis have had to be content with only a handful of competitive matches, Australia has been in concentrated opposition with a number of the world's "middle strata" teams.

Socceroo players have been given every assistance by their clubs, as well as generous remuneration from the ASF, in order to assume the full-time responsibility their task deserves.

Whether these measures prove sufficient, only time will tell.

But as tension before the match escalates, the prophetic words of former Liverpool manager Bill Shankly begin to ring true in this corner of the globe.

Asked whether football really was a matter of life or death, Shankly replied: "No, it's much more serious than that!"

The final New Zealand World Cup squad, announced on February 26, contains nine NZ-born players, or half the 18-man squad.

They are Wilson, Van Hattum, Herbert, Dods, Adam, McKay, Grant Turner, Leigh and Campbell.

The selection of Alan Boath is dependent on him obtaining New Zealand citizenship.

The squad is:

Goalkeepers: Richie Wilson (Canberra Arrows), Frank Van Hattum (Manurewa).

Defenders: Ricky Herbert (Mt Wellington), Bobby Almond (Christchurch United), John Hill (Gisborne City), Sam Malcolmson (Manurewa), Glen Dods (Adelaide Giants), Alan Adam (Mt Wellington), Dave Bright (Manurewa), Alan Boath (Woolston WMC).

Middlefielders: Steve Sumner (Newcastle KB United), Keith McKay (Canberra Arrows), Grant Turner (Gisborne City), John Leigh (Mt Wellington).

Strikers: Steve Wooddin (Dunedin City), Brian Turner (Wollongong Wolves), Clive Campbell (Wollongong Wolves).

\$1m. Spanish windfall for ASF?

The World Cup elimination series will cost the Australian Soccer Federation about \$170,000 this year.

If the Socceroos reach the finals in

Spain, the ASF stands to gain about \$600,000 as its share from FIFA. Including extra money generated at home through World Cup success, the figure would increase to about a million dollars.

The first test for the Socceroos is against New Zealand in Auckland on April 25 - Anzac Day.

One man who's confident Australia will win that one is ASF secretary Brian Le Fevre.

"If we haven't got 11 men better than the New Zealand 11, we might as well give it away," he said.

UK player agency opens up

Talented players from England and Scotland are available through a new agency in Sydney.

Called Soccer Promotions UK, the agency is run by Steve Carpenter, a former Footscray J.U.S.T. and Green Gully Ajax player who now is director of coaching for the Kuringai District.

Carpenter says one of the directors is Billy Bingham, coach of Northern Ireland. Players handled by the agency are recommended by Bingham and other top coaches included Ken Winshurst of Bristol City and former Leeds and England full back Terry Cooper.

All players on the agency's books are on free transfers.

Among those available at the moment are 10 from Bristol Rovers, four from Bristol City and others from Morton, Hibernian, Airdrie and Arbroath.

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John Dempsey, who had 10 years as central defender with Chelsea, and has been player-coach of Philadelphia Furries in the U.S. for the past three seasons, is interested in going to Australia as a player-coach. Dempsey has 24 international caps for the Republic of Ireland.

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WOLLONGONG 1 (Fleming) BLACKBURN 1 (Culina) at Wollongong Showgrounds. Votes by Knut Werner:

6. Dunleavy (W), 5. Adam (W), 4. Preston (W), 3. Pointer (B), 2. McBrean (W), 1. Campbell (W).

PRESTON 3 (Ollerton 2, Cullen) FOOTSCRAY 0 at Connor Reserve. Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6. Ollerton (P), 5. Brown (P), 4. Faulkner (P), 3. Jovanovic (P), 2. Cullen (P), 1. Lucchasi (P).

BRISBANE CITY 3 (Wilkinson, Palinkas, Hamilton) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 at Spencer Park. Votes by Bruce Waddell:

6. P. Wilkinson (BC), 5. Palinkas (BC), 4. Coe (BC), 3. Housieini (SO), 2. Pimblett (BC), 1. Jennings (SO).

SYDNEY CITY 5 (Boden 3, Gomez 2) MARCONI 0 at Sydney Athletic Field. Votes by Tom Anderson:

6. Boden (SC), 5. Muniz (SC), 4. Kosmina (SC), 3. Sponos (SC), 2. Souness (SC), 1. Jankovics (M).

SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (Cummings) BRISBANE LIONS 0 at Middle Park Stadium. Votes by Kyle Patterson:

6. Hermiston (BL), 5. Ontong (BL), 4. Xanthopoulos (SM), 3. Cummings (SM), 2. Bennett (BL), 1. Shirra (SM).

CANBERRA 1 (Farrell) WEST ADELAIDE 2 (Bozanic, Boyle) at Bruce Stadium. Votes by Peter Windsor:

6. T. Byrne (C), 5. Farrell (C), 4. Boyle (WA), 3. Brown (WA), 2. Crook (WA), 1. R. O'Shea (C).

ADELAIDE CITY 3 (Villani, B. Nyskohus 78, J. Nyskohus pen) HEIDELBERG 1 (Cole). Votes by Memo Toutaidis:

6. Parin (AC), 5. Reilly (H), 4. Northcote (AC), 3. J. Nyskohus (AC), 2. Russell (AC), 1. P. Bannon (H).

LEICHHARDT 2 (O'Connor, Soper) NEWCASTLE 1 (Bertogna) at Lambert Park. Votes by Ted Smithies:

6. Giampaolo (L), 5. Kafka (L), 4. Senkalski (N), 3. Mountford (N), 2. O'Connor (L), 1. Soper (L).

Leaders:

21. Ollerton (P).

19. Hermiston (BL).

18. T. Byrne (Can).

17. Brown (P).

16. Cullen (P).

15. C Campbell (W1), Kosmina (SC), Illoaki (Foot).

14. P. Wilkinson (BC), Boyle (WA).

13. Ontong (BL), de Graaf (W).

12. Selvaige (Black), Maher (Mar), Dunleavy (W), Kafka (L), Drinkwater (Newc).

Top scorers:

4. Boden (SC).

3. O'Connor (L), Paton (H), Ollerton (P), Christopoulos (SM).

CRAIG MACKENZIE LOOKS AT NEXT WEEKEND'S PHILIPS LEAGUE AND PHILIPS CUP GAMES.....

Face-saver for West Adelaide?

West Adelaide will be out for revenge when it clashes with Cumberland in the opening match of Hindmarsh Stadium's Philips Cup second round double header this Sunday afternoon.

West slumped to a shock defeat three weeks ago in the South Australian Ampol Cup semi-finals thanks to an extra time goal from close range by Cumberland striker Brian Welsh.

The goalkeeping talents of Wests Martyn Crook took the game into extra time so Wests coach Billy Birch will be expecting a face saving performance from his charges this Sunday.

It's time for Wests tall striker Dave Pillans to fire. If Birch gives him a chance this Sunday Cumberland's dreams of another miracle could be short lived.

Adelaide City should end Western Australia's representation in the 1981 Philips Cup in the second match at Hindmarsh when it meets Kingsway Olympic.

City has a Philips Cup triumph to its name and should be too experienced for Olympic.

Olympic's presence in the competition gives the cup a more national flavor but with Brian Northcote, Dave Mitchell, Charlie Villani and John Nyskohus leading City's charge forward the boys from the West look incapable of keeping City at bay.

This weekend's Philips Cup second round matches will likely winners in capitals:

IN ADELAIDE

WEST ADELAIDE v. Cumberland at Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday, 1.30 pm.

ADELAIDE CITY v. Kingsway Olympic, Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday, 3.30 pm.



Dave Pillans



Alex Jamieson

Trenter going?

West Adelaide is keen to sign Sydney City striker Mark Trenter, who has played also for Newcastle KB United.

West Adelaide also expects three players from the U.K. Neville Flounders (ex-Sunderland), Jimmy Wright from Scotland and Colin Gregson (ex-West Brom).

BYE-BYE OLYMPIC

Tommy Docherty may see a few players who would get a game in his pub team when he takes Sydney Olympic on an ill fated journey to Olympic Park this Sunday afternoon to clash with Heidelberg.

Heidelberg has eight past or present Soceroos and has recovered from its disastrous start to the season.

Both clubs have a large Greek following and should draw an enthusiastic crowd to the headquarters of Victorian soccer.

'Soccer Action' columnist Tom Anderson was highly critical of Olympic's defence after its 3-1 victory over Adelaide City two weeks ago. If the glaring gaps at the back which Anderson referred to appear this Sunday it'll be bye-bye Olympic as Gary Cole and Andy Bozakis run riot.

Jimmy Rooney was dropped by Poulakakis two weeks ago against Preston but has re-established himself in his customary midfield playmaker's role. He's an essential part of Heidelberg. Without Rooney, fellow midfielders Theo Seleimidis and Jim Campbell

looked lost against Preston. His presence is as important psychologically as it is practically.

Rooney the playmaker and Rooney the motivator could be seen at his best this Sunday. Joe Picioane will confront his former Footscray team mates when Marconi travels to Schintler Reserve for this Sunday's PSL clash.

"Pici" will add his close ball skills to Marconi's midfield alongside Soceroos Tony Henderson and Gary Byrne.

Footscray probably will play with only two up front and Irish imports Jim McLaughlin and Mike McIvor will get the chance to gauge the standard of Marconi's wealth of Soceroo talent.

Footscray centre back Jim Kondarios will have the hardest task of all. He'll be expected to compete with Eddie Krncevic in the air. And the Footscray right back will have to be speedy to keep up with "The Fairfield Express", Peter Sharpe.

Marconi rightly will start favorite. This weekend's PSL clashes with likely winners in capitals:

IN MELBOURNE

HEIDELBERG v Sydney Olympic at Olympic Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

Footscray v MARCONI at Schintler Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.



Mark Jankovics

Kiwis lead 'Gong Cup bid

Sydney City, Canberra and Wollongong can advance to the second round of the Philips Cup after this weekend's first round matches.

Wollongong meets A.C.T. representative Downer Olympic at Corral Park this Saturday and it's hard to see the capital territory lads knocking off Ken Morton's marvels.

NZ World Cup hopefuls Clive Campbell and Brian Turner and fellow Kiwi Billy de Graaf have made fine starts to their Australian careers.

Campbell and Turner are a formidable front line duo and de Graaf and Chris Dunleavy form a solid central defensive combination which has frustrated PSL sides so far.

The cup atmosphere should make for an exciting clash and although Downer probably will show a ton of spirit the class difference between the sides should show through by the game's end.

Sydney City takes on Blacktown at the International Sports Centre this Sunday afternoon while the local Newcastle side travels to Bruce Stadium to continue its rivalry with Canberra.

The Slickers strike force, headed by John Kosmina and Soceroo Ken Boden, won't enjoy much freedom from Blacktown defenders Mike Milovanovic and Cliff Pointer. Blacktown coach Rale Rasic used Stuart Selva as a tagger for Leichhardt's brilliant midfielder Zdenko Kafka two weeks ago and Slickers midfielder Agenor Muniz could face the same treatment.

But it's hard to see the Demons holding out. Sydney City's organisation and patience with the flair of Boden and Scottish winger Willie Murray should put a smile on the face of coach Eddie Thomson at the end of a hard battle.

Canberra gets the chance to turn the tables on arch enemy Newcastle when they meet at Bruce Stadium this Sunday.

Canberra coach George Murray came to Australia with the reputation of producing well drilled, organised outfits and with the limited funds at his disposal he already has achieved a fair measure of success.

Most critics tip Newcastle as a strong title contender but I lean to Canberra in this match. The cup atmosphere combined with Canberra's large parochial following should see the locals sneak through into the next round.

This weekend's Philips Cup first round matches with likely winners in capitals:

IN WOLLONGONG

WOLLONGONG v Downer Olympic, at Corral Park, Saturday, 3 pm.

IN NEWCASTLE

SYDNEY CITY v Blacktown at International Sports Centre, Sunday, 2.30 pm.

IN CANBERRA

CANBERRA v Newcastle at Bruce Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm.



A shot whistles towards goal during the South Melbourne v Heidelberg Philips Cup match last week — leaving four players startled. From left: Theo Seleimidis, Steve Blair, Duncan Cummings, Jimmy Rooney.

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Coe foils Olympic comeback

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Olympic 0

Wilkinson 27th, Palinkas 67th, Hamilton 76th.
Ground: Spencer Park.
Crowd: About 2500
Referee: D. Nugent
BRISBANE CITY — Coe 8, Perry 6, Ratcliffe 7, Dunne 7, W. Wilkinson 7, Hamilton 7, Pimblett 7, Gaffney 6, Palinkas 7, P. Wilkinson 8, McVeigh 6 (low 76th).
SYDNEY OLYMPIC —

Maier 7, Zeros 5 (Ankoudinoff 66th), Rowdown 7, Wilson 6, Cross 6, Cork 4 (Houssini 27th 8), Jamison 6, Kotholos 7, Laing 6, Koussas 7, Jennings 7.

If more teams had the same attitude to their football as Sydney Olympic, a lot more people would turn up for PSL matches.

Total commitment to attacking football under Tommy Docherty certainly makes for an exciting spectacle, and possibly brings out latent attacking capabilities in the opposition.

But you can't have it both ways and Olympics supporters could be a long suffering group by the end of the season if something isn't done about the team's defensive responsibilities.

The fact that Olympic has now conceded 12 goals in five matches is ample evidence of the situation.

In this match against Brisbane City, the young Olympic side tore into the job at hand and ran relentlessly, particularly in the first half and its tactic of immediately closing down City players who were in possession regularly had the home side's defence looking decidedly brittle.

Olympic was well in the match until an extremely careless back pass by right-back Jim Zeros was pounced on by the ever-alert City centre forward Paul Wilkinson, who planted the ball calmly into the back of the net.

Earlier, Zeros has made one punishing run and topped a shot inches wide of the post. That's all good and well but Zeros is in the team as a defender not a forward.

Olympic's other fullback Mike Cross, also had an unhappy afternoon and was also unlucky that Joe Palinkas turned on his best performance for some time.

City won because it took its chances and was much more composed in difficult situations, although at times it looked like being split wide open.

Olympic could well have evened things up but for the upright which halted a blistering drive from the promising Mark Koussas five minutes from the break.

Both sides continued to attack willingly after half-time, but City, and let's not forget what a solid performance this was, was able to convert its openings into something positive.

Goal number two came from a Bobby Wilkinson cross, which Wilkinson bobbed under, giving Palinkas all the time in the world to control and drive his shot into the opposite corner.

The third goal emanated from a Wilkinson cross from the right. When Larry Gaffney had a shot charged down, Hamilton was on hand to finish off.

Some brilliant keeping by Martin Coe prevented Olympic from forging back as it continued to storm forward although the City defence by now had taken a little more under control.



Alan Whittle (centre, dark strip) in a light interlude during a match between Crystal Palace and Bury. Derek Spence is the man with the dog.

Blacktown back through Culina

Wollongong 1
Blacktown 1

Scorers: Wollongong: Fleming 33rd, Blacktown: Culina 85th.

Ground: Wollongong Showgrounds.

Crowd: 5637.
Referee: Lewis 5.
WOLLONGONG: Preston 8, Dunleavy 8, de Graaf 7, Adam 8, McMillan 7, Fleming 7, Lathan 7, Ainsworth 7, Campbell 7, Turner 7, Tredinnick 7.

BLACKTOWN: James 7, Wheatley (injured 7th min), Rasmussen 6, Pointer 7, Milosovic 7, Pollard 6, Hormazabal 7, Djordjevic 6, O'Donnell 6, Salvage 7, Wallace 6 (Milosovic 65th), Culina 6.

Playing against the competition leader, Blacktown appeared content to sit back and defend, hoping for a break-away goal.

And so the Demons used the offset trap to frustrate Wollongong whose long periods of dominance gained no more than a single point.

John Fleming put Wollongong in the lead.

Lee Adam

DAZZLING DEBUT!

Leichhardt 2
Newcastle 1

Ground: Lambert Park

Crowd: 4281

Referee: R. Mae 7

Cautions: Craig Mason (N)

Scorers: Leichhardt: O'Connor 75th, Soper 83rd, Newcastle: Bertogna 38th.

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Preston 3
Footscray 0

Ground: Connor Reserve, Reservoir

Crowd: About 4500

Referee: Chris Bambridge 8

Cautions: Kyriakoulas, Piccione (F).

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Kastner 8 — Flavell 6, Higham 6, Petrovski 7, Beech 7, Lucchesi 7, Faulkner 8, Brown 8 — Cullen 7, Ward 8, (injured sub. McMillan 5th), Ollerton 9.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.: Boland 7 — Hazebent 6, Ileski 7, Kondavies 6, Kyriakoulas 6 — McIvor 6 (Vasic 5, half time), Jovanovic 8, Piccione 6 — Cozzella 6, Kakantonis 6, McLaughlin 6.

Preston Makedonia is all set to sign former Everton player Alan Whittle.

He is the mystery player with whom Makedonia has been negotiating for the past few weeks.

And he'll rank as one of the finest English players to have come to Australia.

Whittle, 30, has been playing for English Fourth Division side Bourne since being transferred from Orient.

He played 182 games in the First Division — 74 for Everton and 108 for Crystal Palace.

His goalscoring rate is excellent for a midfielder — 21 for Everton and 19 for Palace.

Whittle had the choice of going to the U.S. or Australia. It appeared almost certain as we went to Press that he had chosen the latter.

The only problem facing coach Brian Edgley is how to fit Whittle into the side. Will he join Jeff Faulkner, Doug



Laurie Schwab

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Brown and Claude Lucchesi in a four-man midfield, or will Brown move forward to join Bob Cullen and Peter Ollerton up front?

Alternatively, will Ollerton move back to the sweeper's position, and will the present sweeper, Ljube Petrovski, shift to right back?

Last season's captain, George McMillan, is spending most of his time on the bench and Gary Ward, top scorer last year, may be out again after injuring his previously broken leg last Sunday.

But competition among players has not affected their spirit.

"There's no back-stabbing here," said goalkeeper Lou Kastner. "The boys are happy to fight for their places and the ones who miss out take it in the right spirit."

Whittle will further add to Preston's goalscoring power — the most formidable in the league. Ollerton, Cullen, Ward, McMillan, Brown and Lucchesi are all goalscorers.

So is Whittle.

Hard running, total effort and a never-say-die spirit are other aspects of Preston's

game, so this team is better equipped than most to persevere an attacking policy away as well as at home. They found in their first two games that defensiveness does not suit them.

As for J.U.S.T. — things looked a bit better in the first half, when Slobodan Jovanovic was dominating play in midfield, but after Peter Ollerton had headed Preston into the lead just before the break, the heads went down, confidence and determination slipped badly.

It was Joe Piccione's last game before going to Marconi and it was the first game for Irish recruits Mike McIvor and Jim McLaughlin, and forward Steve Kakantonis who's on loan from South Melbourne Hellas.

J.U.S.T. coach Cedo Cirkovic reduced his defence from five men to four, to facilitate a three-man attack. Kyri Kyriakoulas, who had conceded two penalties against South Melbourne Hellas, was moved to left back.

Ollerton, maintaining his great form, scored two of the three goals and contributed many other good things to this win. Rob Cullen, scorer of the second of Preston's goals, says: "It's magic playing alongside Peter. He always seems to know where I am. All I have to do is call, and he'll give me a great ball, even if he's got his back to me."

Kastner, subject of unjust criticism in recent weeks, had a faultless game in Preston's goal. He saved an eight-metre shot by Kakantonis, a fine dipping shot by Zoran Ilioski, and he cut out a couple of dangerous crosses with crisp, confident catches.

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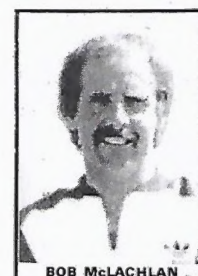
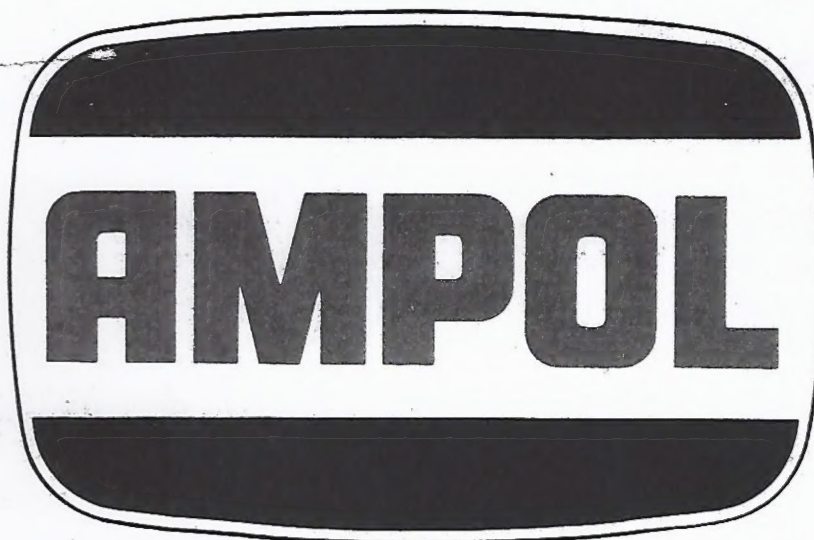
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CROYDON CITY

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Let Croydon do the worrying



By **BOBBY McLACHLAN**
Ajax coach

If you thought last weekend's semi-final against Croatia was a tough battle just watch this Saturday night's cup final against Croydon.

Croydon is tough, industrious and uncompromising. We're more flamboyant but for the ordinary spectator it must be hard to pick a winner.

It's funny how things have swung around. Last year we would be worrying about what we were going to do to exploit the opposition's weaknesses but I think we'll let Croydon do the worrying this Saturday night.

Last weekend we picked ourselves up out of a hole and we still have a few weaknesses because when you build a side everything doesn't automatically fall into place right away.

I respect Croydon but I'm confident we can win. The game's there for the taking. It's up to our players to work as hard on the field as the committee has worked off the field. It's important to win this Ampol Cup for our supporters and committee.

We've overcome the toughest team on paper, but I expect a really fierce fight this Saturday night.



Phewwwwwww! Willie Vassallo sighs his relief after scoring the winning penalty for Ajax. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

GREEN GULLY AJAX

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| Gerry BENNETT | Willie VASSALLO | Kit GRECHAN | |
| Kevin WALL | Gus McLEOD | Bill MORREY | |

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| Peter LOUGHNANE | Dave BROGAN | Ian LOUGHNANE | |

CROYDON—IF THEY STOP GUS



BY **CRAIG MACKENZIE**

There's little between Green Gully Ajax and Croydon, the finalists in the Ampol Cup at Olympic Park at 8.15 pm on Saturday night.

Both coaches, Ajax's Bobby McLachlan and Croydon's Bill McArthur, are supremely confident.

Croydon's goals against tally speaks highly of its defensive organisation. Ajax knocked off cup favorite Croatia in last Saturday night's semi-final.

Ajax striker Gus McLeod gets better every time I watch him. Stopper Stuart Cannell and sweeper John Gardiner are starting to show good understanding. Kit Grechan played well last week and contributed to the Ajax midfield getting the ball forward quicker than in previous Ampol Cup rounds. Bill Morrey is running into top form while Kevin Wall is starting to get more involved and showing the poaching talents which notched him 12 goals in his inaugural State League season last year.

Croydon's defence has rarely been ruffled in the cup. In mid-field Duncan Smith, Jimmy Spinks and Paul Wade are getting through a tremendous amount of work and are providing good support for strikers Dave Brogan, Peter Loughnane and Ian Loughnane. Brogan has been very impressive in his past two games. He's got a hell of a shot and can hold the ball under pressure until he gets support, an essential pre-requisite in a target man.

So what criterion can be used to pick the likely winner?

I think Croydon shows better understanding as a unit as the Ajax new brigade is yet to knit together.

I think the discipline and organisation of Croydon could be the sole factor separating the sides at the end of an encounter which easily could go into extra time.

I see Gus McLeod as the main hurdle in Croydon's path toward winning its first major trophy since joining State League ranks.

To be honest I was disappointed with McLeod's early games but the extreme heat made acclimatisation difficult.

Last Saturday night I saw the real McLeod give Croatia's central defensive combination of 'Butch' Kokoska and Alan Kerr a torrid time. McLeod's work rate was amazing. He took time off from being involved in both Ajax goals to charge back and defend at corners and many Croatia free kick situations.

'Big Gus' has given the Ajax attack a focal point which was missing last year. He's bound to give Croydon's defence a few headaches on Saturday night.



Ajax sweeper John Gardiner delivers a pass in front of former team mate Carl Gilder.

The sad and the glad . . .

AJAX 2 (Wall, McLeod) CROATIA 0 (Adams pen, Mitten) Ampol Cup semi-final, AET, Ajax won 5-4 on penalties at Olympic Park. **MATCH RATING 8. Referee: Henderson 8.**

AJAX: Denys 7 - Lewis 7, Gardiner 8, Cannell 8, Smart 7 - Bennett 7, Vassallo 7, Grechan 8 - Wall 7, McLeod 9, Morrey 7.

CROATIA: Blasby 6 - Short 7, Koszka 7, Kerr 7, Blavet 7 - Tront 6, Adams 7, Murphy 6 - Batnovic 6, Gilder 6, Mitten 6.

Not even the great W.C. Fields could have got a laugh in the Croatia dressing room after Ajax had won the penalty showdown to snatch a place in the 1981 Ampol Cup Final.

The Croatia players sat around the room with their heads hung low. Coach toco Ille had a disbelieving look upon his face. Most of the time he sat still, his head in his hands, musing over what could have been had Alan Kerr and Peter Blasby not made two crucial mistakes which led to Ajax's two goals. In another corner Joe

Tront was speechless. His penalty miss cost Croatia dearly.

In stark contrast, the Ajax dressing room told the story of victory over the State League's glamor side.

Players laughed and joked. Ajax committeemen wore giant grins. President Guy Spiteri and Treasurer Arnold Langer looked like two young schoolboys let loose in a chocolate factory and coach Bobby McLachlan couldn't stop talking.

American sports writers some time ago added to the jargon of their trade with the phrase, hanging on in there, and that's exactly what Ajax did.

Gus McLeod hustled about, charged in regardless of friend or foe, harassed incessantly and scored the equalising second goal to take the match into extra time.

Ajax opened the scoring in the 10th minute.

Blasby failed to hold a high ball from Ajax's right, McLeod at the far post headed toward goal and Kevin Wall tucked the ball away in a goalmouth scrimmage.

In the 23rd minute Ned Batnovic headed down into the Ajax area and Peter

Lewis handled. Keith Adams scored from the spot.

Noel Mitten sent Croatia ahead two minutes after half time.

The move involved Batnovic, Carl Gilder and Mitten and ended with Mitten giving Lou Denys no chance with a well taken goal.

But Ajax never gave up and was rewarded in the 82nd minute.

Kerr tried to play the ball square on the half-way line, Kit Grechan intercepted and sent a long ball to the right to Bill Morrey. The stocky Ajax winger broke clear, squared across goal to McLeod who pushed it firmly first time into the back of the Croatia net.

There was little between the sides in extra time. When Joe Tront struck his penalty attempt wide the Ajax fans sensed victory. Willie Vassallo scored to take Ajax into the final.

Blasby made a valiant attempt to save Vassallo's shot and although he got a touch, the ball rolled inside the upright as the Ajax fans broke into a rousing chorus of the club song.

Many changes didn't help

CROYDON 2 (Brogan, Peter Loughnane) HAKOAH 0 at Olympic Park. Ampol Cup semi-final. **MATCH RATING 6. Referee: Stirling 7.**

CROYDON: Edwards 7 - Brown 7, Pongho 8, McCombe 3, Hobson 7 - Smith 8, Spinks 7, Wade 7 - P. Loughnane 3, Brogan 8, I. Loughnane 7.

HAKOAH: Fryzzer 7 - Wilson 6 (Gosau 80th), Dosen 5, Jordanou 7, Rooney 5 - Blair 5, McNeil 6, Davidson 5 - Webster 6, French 6 (inj. Edmondson H.T. 5), Kent 6.

Did you hear the one about he volley ball team which wanted to play in an important occur semi-final?

No? Well you should have come to Olympic Park last Saturday night and watched Hakoah's amazing positional wickets in the last ten minutes of the Ampol Cup semi-final which saw Croydon un out a convincing 2-0 winner.

Hakoah resembled a volley all outfit changing positions very time it won back service.



Croydon City's new star Ian Loughnane (left) with Hakoah's new midfielder Danny Davidson.

Sweeper Bill Jordanou moved to central striker and within seconds stopper Anton Dosen was standing alongside Jordanou.

I looked downfield to see Chris Kent slotting in at sweeper.

Within a minute midfielder Ian McNeil was sweeper, Kent was left back and Dosen had completed only half of his pilgrimage back to the Hakoah defence.

Maybe that's Hakoah's idea

of total football out from a spectator's point of view it was more like a total shambles.

Croydon gave a more disciplined, better organised performance and two fine goals sank Hakoah's hopes.

Croydon's central defensive combination of Alan Pongho and Steve McCombe were rock solid. McCombe won just about everything in the air and Pongho reigned supreme on the ground.

There's no frills to Pongho's game but he's a consistently effective player. I watched him closely last Saturday night and I can't remember him giving one ball away. His disposal is excellent and he does everything with a minimum of fuss.

Croydon struck its first blow in the 28th minute.

Midfielder Duncan Smith curled a high ball inside the Hakoah area to Peter Loughnane who laid it back to Dave Brogan.

Brogan blasted it first time into the near post from 20 metres out.

The sealer came in the 65th minute.

Brogan shrugged off Dosen's challenge down Croydon's left and crossed head high across the face of the Hakoah goal.

Ian Loughnane missed with a diving header at the near post but brother Peter made sure with a first time side foot volley from six metres.

Both Loughnanes were unmarked, an example of Hakoah's lack of organisation which culminated in the merry-go-round fiasco in the dying moments of the match.

Watch Loughnane and Brogan!



By **BILL McARTHUR**,
Croydon coach

I'm confident we'll win the Ampol Cup this Saturday night against Green Gully.

In my mind we will go into the final as favorite as we've won five games and drawn one. Gully has won three and drawn three - not exactly a great record.

But the so-called glamor surrounding Gully's new players will see it start favorable in the public's eye.

We're not going to worry about them. We're fit, fast and organised and we're giving the supporters value for money.

Ian Loughnane is improving with every game. The longer last weekend's semi-final went against Hakoah the better he became.

Dave Brogan is one of the best shielders of the ball in the State League. There's little between him and Carl Gilder.

Croydon has never won a major trophy since winning its way into the State League.

I get the impression that people tend to say that Croydon's a good steady side which really means that Croydon's a middle of the table team. Things have to change and we're looking for success this year, to establish ourselves as a force in the league.

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NSW AMPOL CUP

By Ted Smithies and Roger Sherack



DESPITE the fact that a number of games are yet to be played, quarter finalists have been decided:

Melita Eagles and Wollongong from group A, St. George and Croatia from group B, Canterbury and Fairy Meadow from group C and Sutherland and Polonia from group D.

Quarter final draw should be: Melita v Croatia; St. George v Wollongong; Canterbury v Polonia; Sutherland v Fairy Meadow.

St. George, the run away leader in the State League, should have no problems in getting to the semis and at this stage it is hard to see any team with the ability to topple it.

In three League outings so far Saints have amassed 14 goals and eight in the two Cup games.

An average of four goals per game should be continued as Saints meet Wollongong. Despite some good form shown by Mike Johnson's outfit from the South Coast it looks to be in trouble against Frank Arok's side.

GROUP A				
MELITA EAGLES	3	1	2	5
WOLLONGONG UNITED	3	1	2	3
MANLY	2	1	1	2
NORTH SYDNEY	2	1	1	1

To play: Manly-N. Sydney

GROUP B				
ST. GEORGE	2	0	0	8
CROATIA	2	1	0	4
PARRAMATTA	2	1	0	3
RIVERWOOD	2	0	2	1

To play: St. George-Parramatta, Croatia-Riverwood.

GROUP C				
CANTERBURY	2	0	1	9
FAIRY MEADOW	2	2	0	3
BANKSTOWN	3	1	0	3
INTER MONARO	3	0	3	1

To play: Canterbury-Fairy Meadow

GROUP D				
SUTHERLAND	3	2	1	8
POLONIA	3	2	1	8
AUBURN	3	0	2	3
AVALA	3	1	2	5

To play: Sutherland-Avala

ST. GEORGE, CROATIA NECK AND NECK

St. George and Croatia kept the pace on in the NSW Coca-Cola Bottlers State League by keeping their unbeaten record intact over the weekend.

Croatia pipped arch rival Sutherland when sweeper Bruno Vidacic scored with a header in the last minute for a 1-0 win.

St. George swept aside North Sydney Inter in a 4-1 win, registering its third win in a row in which it has scored four goals or more.

Canterbury ended its string of losses with a 3-0 win over fourth placed Auburn, Polonia defeated Parramatta 3-0 and Avala cruised to a 2-0 win over Bankstown.

Inter Monaro picked up its first points with a 2-0 win over Manly, and Riverwood crashed to the bottom of the table when it was hammered 4-0 by Melita.

Close behind St. George and Croatia lie five teams each with four points: Avala, Auburn, Sutherland, Polonia and Melita.

Croatia had to fight all the way against Sutherland, a team which has provided stiff opposition in the past three years.

Defence dominated the

game, and Sutherland wasted far too much possession with aimless high balls into the Croatia penalty area.

Croatia won the match in injury time when Kevin Coleman fired in a perfect cross from the left and Vidacic rose to head home a brilliant goal.

The Saints squandered a bagful of goals but still managed to steamroll North Sydney.

Saints midfield trio of Peter Stone, John Davies and Mark Barton was irrepressible.

Bankstown's goalkeeper Wally Lachowicz saved his side from a bigger defeat at the hands of Avala, but could not prevent the two goals which gave Avala a valuable 2-0 win.

Avala showed some fine style with fast attacking football and was just too experienced for the young Bankstown unit.

Branko Karanfilovski grabbed both goals, opening the scoring with a penalty in the 19th minute then making sure of the result in the 44th minute with a neat, close-in goal.

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The Queanbeyan-based team scored a morale boosting 2-0 win for its first points of the year.

'keeper then Williams got his second just a minute later when he latched onto a through ball from Brown to drill his shot home.

Polonia paraded one of its four new Polish imports as it defeated Parramatta City 3-0, with former Poland goalkeeper Zygmunt Kalinowski playing an important part in his new club's win.

Two players were sent off in the match, with Polonia's Stan Lemanczyk and Parramatta's Percy Biglands being expelled for fighting.

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Melita, the reigning State League Premiers thrashed Riverwood 4-0.

The result was doubly satisfying for Melita.

Not only did it partly make up for its 3-1 loss to Croatia the week before, but the coach of Riverwood is Atti Abonyi, who took Melita to last season's title but left for Riverwood at the start of this season.

N.S.W. STATE LEAGUE
St. George - N. Sydney 4:1, Barton 2, Davies, Walker (SG), Marsello (NS)

Croatia - Sutherland 1:0, Vidacic
Avala - Bankstown 2:0, Karanfilovski (2)
Polonia - Parramatta 3:0, Jirsa, Lemanczyk, Wisniewski
Canterbury - Auburn 3:0, Williams 2, Brown
Monaro - Manly 2:0, Heywood, Noble
Melita - Riverwood 4:0, Farrugia, Allan, Pancer, Gree-dy.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. George	3	3	0	0	14	2	6
Croatia	3	3	0	0	7	2	6
Melita	3	2	0	1	8	4	4
Polonia	3	2	0	1	5	2	4
Sutherland	3	2	0	1	4	2	4
Avala	3	2	0	1	6	7	4
Auburn	3	2	0	1	2	3	4
Canterbury	3	1	0	2	5	4	2
Monaro	3	1	0	2	3	5	2
North Sydney	3	1	0	2	3	6	2
Parramatta	3	1	0	2	3	6	2
Manly	3	1	0	2	3	8	2
Bankstown	3	0	0	3	3	7	0
Riverwood	3	0	0	3	3	10	0

TOP SCORERS

4. Marton (SG)
3. Barton (SG), Farrugia (ME), Karanfilovski (A)
2. Groom (SI), Davies, Walker (SG) Allan (ME)
Fox (MW), Heywood (IM), Parker, Montgomery (C)
Williams, Brown (CM), Samuels (A), Landon (R)

Fixtures for March 21 and 22

Saturday March 21:

North Sydney Inter V Inter Monaro Seymour Shaw

Sunday March 22:

Avala V Croatia Sydney knight Park

Sutherland Shire V Riverwood Seymour Shaw

Parramatta City V Melita Eagles Garside Park

Manly Warringah V Bankstown City Cromer Park

Auburn V St. George B.S.C. Soccer Centre

Polonia V Cant. McVillie Oly. Chopin Park

1ST DIVISION

North Bankstown V Bathurst '75 Potts Park

Wollongong United V Revasby Workers Berkeley

Sports Ground

Fairy Meadow V Uni. of N.S.W. Police Boys Ground

Blacktown United V Belmore Francis Park

Ku-Ring-Gai V Warringah Parklands Oval

S.S.C. Yugal V Guildford Country Concord Oval

Penrith United V Gladsville Ravens Cook Park

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He's Preston's Netzer

From page on

"I joined Clydebank for about eight months as a part-time before Sheffield United manager Harry Haslam brought me to England."

"United was struggling in Second Division at the time and I played as an attacking midfielder in support of our two front runners."

Brown arrived at United in time to play the last seven league games but United slipped down into Third Division.

The following season Brown established himself as a first team regular alongside his flat mate Alex Sabelle, the brilliant Argentinian forward.

Sabelle was one of the first Argentinians to sign with an English club and was followed by Osvaldo Ardiles and Ricardo Villa who joined Spurs and Alberto Tarantini who signed for Birmingham City.

"Sabelle was a great guy and he used to delight in giving reporters the no-can-understand bit after the matches," said Brown.

"He was well educated and enjoyed putting one over on the Press."

Former English international Martin Peters replaced Haslam as manager and it wasn't long before Brown was on the move once more.

He trained with Scottish clubs Kilmarnock and Partick Thistle until Flavell contacted him about coming to Preston.

Preston lost its first two PSL games to Canberra and Marconi by a solitary goal before opening its account with a 3-1 victory over Sydney Olympic, coached by Tommy Docherty. The Doc wasn't impressed with

Preston's performance. He said Preston players would struggle to get a game in a pub team in Britain and he wouldn't have any of them if they were offered to him for free.

"I don't think Docherty thinks much of his own players if he slams us like that. We won well. If Docherty thinks the standard of play is that bad why did he come here in the first place?" said Brown.

Before Preston's 3-2 victory over Heidelberg two weeks ago coach Edgley said that Brown could be a "world beater" in Australian soccer. Brown's sparkling performance certainly caught the critics eyes and stamped him as a player with a great future here.

But how did he get the "Netzer" nickname?

"Taddy Scott was the reserve team coach at Aberdeen. In fact he's been there for over 20 years and has produced many fine young players. It was Ted who gave me the nickname."

"I was watching Borussia Moenchengladbach on the TV one night and Netzer scored a cracking goal. Ted was talking about it at training the next night and I scored a similar sort of goal. After that the nickname stuck."

And it's a nickname which is likely to stay with Brown throughout his Australian career if his early performances are any indication of what he can offer.

He's an exciting new talent on the Australian scene. You'll hear a lot more about "Netzer" before the season's ended.



Mike Johnson

Why go abroad?

Could any of our top players make it in European top soccer? When is the best time to try to make it overseas? What sort of money can be made in soccer here and overseas?

These questions have been asked often of me by parents and young players.

I believe the answers would interest 'Soccer Action' readers. There is not one player in this country who could play regular first team soccer with a 1st division team in any of the top European or South American countries.

The best time to try to break through overseas is at the age of 15.

This allows the young player to adjust and improve his game in accordance with the higher standard of soccer in which he finds himself.

If you play with good players you will tend to gravitate upward toward their standard.

If you play with average players you will tend to become only average.

Australian soccer at senior and junior level cannot be classed any higher than average.

Of course 15 is young for a boy to split from his family and venture overseas on his own.

Additionally the boy has no trade or tertiary qualifications to back him up if he fails to make the grade.

Indeed, several weeks ago I had arranged with a 15-year-old St. George BSC junior star, Nick Pappas, to travel to Brighton to trial with that English First Division club.

I played at Fulham with the Brighton manager Alan Mullery and he was happy to pay the boy's board for several weeks while he tried out with the club.

However, at the last moment, the boy's father decided against him taking the trip.

The next best time for a boy to go to England or any of the other top nations such as Spain, Italy or Germany is when he has completed tertiary education or a trade.

This usually means he will be 20 or even 21.

That being the case, he must be an established member of the Australian senior national team to have any chance at all.

He would need to be an exceptional talent and be totally dedicated if he were to make up the leeway of less productive years spent in Australia during his teens.

If he made it to the very top overseas, as Australia's Craig Johnston has done he could end up being a millionaire.

If he went to a lower standard soccer country like Sweden, Norway or Greece he would earn good money playing full-time.

On the other hand if he were a star here in Australia he would earn almost as much with his job and soccer combined.

There are three good ways to combine a career and soccer in Australia.

One is to become a tradesman, learning both soccer and a trade through the teenage years.

Brisbane City's Steve Perry did this and became a printer and went on to play for Australia.

Brisbane Lions' Col Bennett became an electrician and played for Australia.

Marconi's Mark Jankovics has pursued a different course.

He has gone into business and now, in partnership, owns two sports shops and a house, as well as playing for Australia.

Ex St. George BSC's Brendan Grosse took the third course and went to university to study for a profession.

He is now a lawyer and played for Australia.

I was involved with all the aforementioned players, coaching them in their teens and introducing them into professional soccer.

For such dedicated people there were no real hassles in obtaining dual success.

I can think of others like Richie Bell Sydney Olympic player and optometrist, with two practices, Geoff Harris ex St. George, Australian representative and School teacher.

Signing-on fees to top Philips League stars can reach \$15,000 a season these days, with match fees up to \$200 on top.

I believe this money is excessive in the spectator drought we currently experience.

On the other hand Frank Arok considers players' wages have hardly risen since he was here in 1972.

Either way, top players can make top money whether they remain in Australia or go overseas.

On the other hand, as I pointed out to one of my Wollongong United players the other day, to go and play in Europe full time with a lower European soccer nation may not necessarily be the best thing to do.

I pointed out to him the insecurity of full-time soccer unless you are a star.

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DUNLOP

Hellas wants Cole, stars on the mat

South Melbourne Hellas president Sam Papasavas this week approached Heidelberg about signing Gary Cole.

Heidelberg's committee is believed to have discussed the approach at a meeting as "Soccer Action" went to Press.

But it is believed Heidelberg was more concerned with its coaching position and the poor form of its team.

Apparently the committee discussed the possibility of replacing Poulakakis but decided instead to back him to the hilt.

The committee felt that the players were to blame and that they had had it all their own way for too long. Hellas is eager to sign a goalscorer to finish off the moves created by Alun Evans, Branko Buljevic and the midfielders.

Meanwhile, Marconi is also worried about the coaching of Raul Blanco after its 0-5 loss to Sydney City at the weekend.

And national coach Rudi Gutendorf is deeply concerned about the form of Marconi's Socceros, with the World Cup game against New Zealand only five weeks away.



Manny Poulakakis

JOHNNY WARREN



Johnny Warren (right) and the great Pele (centre) with two of the lucky boys who won trips to attend the Pele Soccer Camp in the U.S.

Great chance to meet Pele

Following last week's mention in Soccer Action regarding the Pele Soccer Camps in New York, I would like to tell readers just a little more about what it is like to spend a week with the world's greatest ever soccer player.

Before going into details I think it is important to note that Pele is a beautiful person in every respect.

He simply adores kids — and it is not just a PR stunt.

Our Johnny Warren Soccer Academy takes two boys every year to the Pele school and in July of this year we will be making our third trip to the world famous Pele Camp at Manhattanville College, New York.

These boys are selected from those attending our Academies which are run throughout the year in various parts of Australia. Apart from our Academy sponsored boys, this year, in response to many enquiries we are also taking boys, and in some cases their parents as well, on what really is a trip of a lifetime.

There has been, and probably ever only will be one Pele.

To spend eight days training with him and his staff is just something else.

Pele is probably making a bigger contribution to the game in North America since his retirement than he did when he was a player.

He is totally owned by the Warner Communications group who utilise his services to the fullest in the promotional field.

One of these activities is the month long Pele Soccer Camps.

He is assisted in this by his life long teacher and friend Professor Julio Mazzei and other New York Cosmos staff.

The Johnny Warren Soccer Academy winners will join boys from Brazil, Japan, Finland, Argentina, Africa, West Germany and North America at this year's Pele Soccer Camps.

A typical day at the Pele Camp starts at 7 am with stretching exercises and training with Pele himself and finishes at 10.30 in the evening after movies of the great man and his many great moments.

There are simply no facilities in Australia as there are at the Manhattanville College where the Pele Soccer Camps are held. Immense playing fields, indoor stadium, indoor swimming pools, luxurious recreational facilities, first class accommodation and excellent well balanced meals are just some of the features.

Each boy attending the Camp is given a Pele Soccer ball, individual photo with Pele,

souvenir picture of Pele, a Pele soccer uniform, carry bag, certificate and player profile.

Apart from the Pele Camp, our boys will spend a night and day in San Francisco, two days in fabulous New York where they will take in a New York Yankees baseball game (something like a super night cricket international match) take in the sights of New York including a thrilling helicopter tour of New York, join Pele as special guests at a New York Cosmos NASL match where they are introduced to the crowd at half time plus three days in Los Angeles spending time at Disneyland, Hollywood and Knotts Berry Farm.

Again, we are taking boys this year for the third time and interested parents, youngsters and clubs wishing to give one of these trips as prizes are quite welcome to contact me c/- Soccer Action.

If there is a better and more exciting trip for youngsters around I would like to hear of it.

Speaking of Soccer Camps my old friend Ray Richards and I have been kept pretty busy in recent weeks running Academies in Gladstone (Qld), Griffith and next weekend in Coolangatta.

The response to these activities has been enormous and we get a lot of pleasure in being able to pass on our knowledge to the local coaches, parents, teachers and the kids themselves.

Australia has been noted for the number of sporting champions that were brought up in the country.

It is unfortunate that soccer has tended to ignore servicing our country area where there is probably more talent than in the city.

Seeing the enthusiasm of the local administrators in the various country areas it is a pity that our coaching powers that be have almost completely ignored our country cousins.

The future of soccer, as proved with Canberra, Newcastle, Wollongong, and Townsville is in decentralisation.

That future will be much brighter if we pay more attention to their juniors now.

I'm sure all soccer fans will join me in wishing the speediest of recoveries to the ABC's Martin Royal.

Martin underwent extensive surgery last week if Sydney and thankfully his progress is satisfactory.

Few, if anyone, have done more to promote the image of soccer over the years than the likeable Martin.

On behalf of all soccer fans a big get well to Martin.

Soccer can't afford to have you on the "bench" for too long.

VENEZUELA SENDS BRAZIL TO SPAIN

Venezuela beat Bolivia 1-0 in a South American World Soccer Cup qualifying match in Caracas and virtually guaranteed Brazil a place in the finals.

Brazil, the other nation in group one, has already beaten Venezuela and Bolivia and would have to lose both return legs at home to miss out on a trip to Spain.

Venezuela's victory came from a 24th minute goal by defender Acosta which ave-

nged its 3-0 defeat in La Paz last month.

New cap Gutierrez sent a neat corner into the Bolivian penalty area and Acosta fooled the defence when he connected with a late header.

The game began with Bolivia piling on the pressure and only a spectacular save by Venezuelan goalkeeper Vegas prevented left winger Aguilar from scoring in the 15th minute.

Park Rangers coach Hugh Murney was in an angry mood after his team had been beaten 2-0 by Albion Rovers in the opening round of the Metropolitan Leagues last Saturday afternoon.

The First Division clash between Albion and Park Rangers was a close encounter of the tough kind. Albion's defence took no prisoners and although Murney claimed that "two of Albion's forwards were at least five yards offside" when Mick D'Sylva opened the scoring there was no doubt about the validity of Albion's second goal.

Austria stopper Tom Breerton had his penalty attempt in the 75th minute saved by Western Suburbs keeper Alex Mitandis and the 0-0 deadlock remained unbroken. A disallowed goal by Slavia striker Mick McGorran denied Tony Vrzina's side of the chance to edge ahead against Moreland. The game ended in a 2-2 draw.

First Division

BOX HILL 1 (Lawler 59 mins) MORWELL FALCONS 0

BOX HILL: Morgan, Roodhouse, Leskovec, Patterson, Ra- Stogtlen, Valentine, Ramos, Lawler, Brownlie (Cupido 76th), McLeod.

MORWELL FALCONS: Wh- teadie, Maszaro, Irvine, Walker, Thompson, McElhinney, Di Giulio, Williams, Van Baeer, Armstrong, Brabbin.

Fielding two new close season signings Donovan Lawler and David Singleton, and strengthened by the return from the UK of Ian McLeod and Ian Roodhouse, Box Hill started slowly in the first league match of the 1981 season, against newly promoted Morwell Falcons.

Early pressure by Falcons with Steve Walker, Pat McElhinney and Brabbin prominent was met by a resolute Box Hill defence in which Graham Morgan in goal, skipper Billy Rae and Kyle Patterson were outstanding.

Gradually, the younger Box Hill midfielders forced their way back into the game, with Pedro Ramos, Mickey Valentine and Helmut Leskovec combining well to set up a number of moves, but good defence by Thompson, Whiteside and Walker kept the scores level at the interval.

Box Hill continued its onslaught in the second half.

A free kick by Rae found Lawler who headed on for Ramos to cross to Brownlie who forced the ball over the line, only to have the goal disallowed as he was adjudged to have handled.

The Hillmen however were not to be denied, and first Lawler then Ramos brought good saves from Whiteside.

Then in the 59th minute Lawler rose high above the defence to place a Rae free kick into the far corner of the net with a beautifully judged header.

The experienced Morwell side fought back strongly after this set back, with Walker moving forward into midfield in an effort to snatch an equaliser. But Box Hill's back four stood firm and repelled the Falcons' attacks.

In the 75th minute Brownlie was replaced by Noel Cupido whose aggressive running at the front contributed to the territorial advantage which Box Hill exerted in the dying minutes.

At the final whistle the stand rose as one man to applaud both teams for an entertaining and exciting start to the season.

ALBION 2 PARK RANGERS 0

ALBION: Johnson, Gart, Stewart, Reilly, R. Nisbet, Stevens.

The Victorian Leagues

D'Sylva Smart, Piotrowski, Gil-mour, Spiteri.
RANGERS: Vassallo, Williams, Dali, C. Nisbet, Parsons, Savage, Spalding, Scott, Ogden, McLeod, Stuart.
Scorers: D'Sylva 23', Reilly 52'.

WESTERN SUBURBS 0 KEILOR AUSTRIA 0

WESTS: Mitandis, Kyrtididis, Daglie, Glykoulakmos, Simovski, Vojtek, John Christodias, McCarty, Kupler, Segl, Theodoridis.
West's best players: Mitandis, Kyrtididis, Theodoridis.

OLONIA 2 RICHMOND 0

OLONIA: Dzidzickowski, R. Li-plarski, Jaworski, Herman (inj. Wallace R.T.), Gamsinski, A. Czapiak, Gierlick, P. Czapiak, Se-kulek, Krynski, Laki.

A goal in each half kicked off Polonia's 1981 season on a high note against struggling Richmond. Polonia's best were Marion Jaworski, Peter Czapiak and Andy Czapiak.

Second Division

DANDENONG 2 DONCASTER 4

DANDENONG: Davies, Brodie- ick (inj. Mackie 20th), Gunn, Park- er, Kelly, Vail, Fox, Murphy, Don- nelly, Wozniak, Kahan.
Scorers: Doncaster — Langford, R. Forsyth, Anselma 2, Dandenong — Cairns, 2.

Mario Anselma gave a daz- zling display up front in Don-

caster's 4-2 victory over Dan- denong last Saturday.

Along with Rob Forsyth, who returned from Croydon and midfielder Copeland the Rovers proved too strong and ran away from Dandenong in the second half.

The best triers for Dan- denong were Steve Cairns who scored both goals, one from a dubious penalty decision and Charlie Murphy, recently signed from Croydon.

Third Division

BROADMEADOWS 0 RINGWOOD UNITED 2

Best players, Broadmeadows: John Scicluna, Angelo Buzzetti; **Ringwood:** Jimmy Milicavjevic.

Broadmeadows coach John Kalinchev hopes to strengthen his team by signing Con Igna- tidis and Phil Palasua from Northcote.

PRAHRAH CITY 4 ST. ALBANS 1

SCORERS: Prahrah: N. Ford, S. Wild, J. Graham, E. Smith. St. Al- bane: D. Abala.

PRAHRAH: G. Paton, J. Lazarovic, N. Ford, E. Gurr, J. Henderson, S. Wild, J. McCaffum, J. Graham, E. Smith, F. Nicolao, D. Tracey, R. Brown (sub).

ST. ALBANS: S. Hone, A. Briggs, Z. Avdin, E. Putris, R. Norillo, N. Naejin, Dabolas, M. Lombardi, Y. Metarovic, V. Boocsa.

BEST PLAYERS: Prahrah: J. Gra- ham, J. Henderson, D. Tracey, St.

Fourth Division

FERNTEE GULLY 2 CHELSEA 1

Two rivals from last year's Third Division, Chelsea and Ferntee Gully, showed little improvement in Ferntee's 2-1 win last Saturday.

Two of the three goals were from penalties.

Gully held Chelsea scoreless against the wind in the first half but was troubled in the dying moments of the half.

Both sides will have to im- prove to do well in Fourth Division.

KEYSBOROUGH 0 SUNBURY 1

Scorers: Roberts.

Sunbury scored in the second half to record an im- portant 1-0 away win.

The 1980 Provisional First Division champion attacked relentlessly for long periods of the first half but Keysbo- rough's new keeper Branko Radov held firm.

A high ball into the Keysbo- rough area in the second half found Roberts at full stretch heading home the decider. Sunbury is favored by most critics to win the Fourth Division championship under play- er-coach George Train.

It's main rivals appear to be Mornington and Brighton.



Branko Buljevic (left) is disgusted. Another Hellas attack is foiled by Brisbane Lions keeper Nigel Lownds. But Hellas went on to win 1-0.

CROSS TO SELWYN PARK?

It's almost certain that Victorian State League club George Cross will share Selwyn Park with First Division club Albion Rovers this season.

Cross struck up a deal with Albion in- volving the free transfer of Mick Wilson to the Rovers. Now all that remains is

for the local council and the VSF to ap- prove the move.

The council appears to be enthusiastic about the share arrangement and the VSF shouldn't stop the move which in- volves the Cross playing all its home games on Saturdays.

Hellas tempts Ajax with Wright

South Melbourne Hellas has offered State League club Ajax new terms for midfielder Sammy Wright.

Hellas team manager Leo Anezakis said that to soften the financial burden, Hellas had suggested Ajax pay a \$2000 deposit, \$2000 in June and the balance in September. However, Wright himself is asking for a

hefty signing-on fee, which may delay the transfer.

Meanwhile, George Campbell has had his knee operation and will be out of action for about three months, and Steve Kakantolis has been released by Hellas on loan to Footscray JUST for the rest of the year.

Piotrowski, Lawler, Koenen switch

Polonia is among the favorites to win promotion back to the Victorian State League at the end of the season.

It is superior to most other teams as far as technique is concerned, but its style sometimes tends to be a little too technical and some say the team is not quite physical enough for First Division football.

However, Polonia certainly has the players to succeed, and a former Australian international Kaz Kowalec, it has an excellent coach.

The most important signing so far has been that of centre back Marian Jaworski who returned from Western Suburbs.

State junior representative Chris Gerick from Kellars is another valuable acquisition. Gerick, a midfielder, is the son of former Richmond, St. Albans, Helvetic and Austria player Guntar Gerick.

Greg Gamanski is another new Polonia player and the club is trying to get Dave Griffiths from Slavia to replace David Garthwaite who has switched to Knox City.



● Marian Jaworski: Western Suburbs to Polonia

Joe Herman is still struggling for the desired fitness level, so Andy Czaplak may have to play centre back alongside Jaworski.

Lakle, Sekulski and Krynski make up the forward line while Gerick, John Wallace, Andy Czaplak and Peter Czaplak will vie for the midfield positions.

Dzieliakowski retains the goalkeeping position and Rick Liparski has switched from midfield to full back. Stan Klein or Tad Rachwalski will be the other full back.

Box Hill boasts the Cyrille Regis and Laurie Cunningham of the first division — South Africans Noel Cupido and Don Lawler.

Lawler, former of George Cross, joined the Hillmen recently from Springvale City.

David Singleton is back after spending two seasons at Sunshine, and Ian McLeod, ex-Altona and Hakoah, has returned after a year in Scotland, giving Box Hill greater depth than it has had for a longtime.



● Paul Deeming: Moreland to Sandringham

Ian Roodhouse, that very promising young full back, appears to have improved further as the result of a two-month trial with Crystal Palace in England.

State youth representatives Pedro Ramos and Mike Valentine will benefit from greater maturity this year, and with some talented young players at the club, some of the veterans may miss out.

That prospect however has not daunted Don Brownlie, Ray Taylor and goalkeeper Graham Morgan from soldiering on.

Bill Murray, the former Sunshine player, retains the coaching position, Tom Newbiggin has taken over the reserves.

Although early results have not been encouraging, new coach Alfred Kleintert expects better things from Richmond this year.

Kleintert is a former Richmond player. He also played for Lions and St. Albans.

The German-sponsored club, backed by the plush Tivoli Club in Richmond, has signed four new players. They are:

Joe Hegedis, 22, defender, from Hawksburn; Warren Greenwald, 20, midfielder from Ringwood City, formerly with Melbourne; Robert Koenen, 22, forward or midfielder from Moreland; Jim Green, goalkeeper from Morwell Falcons, formerly of Albion Rovers and Makedonia.

Richmond also is expected to sign striker Sandor Mirmeze, 22, who played for Cabramatta in Sydney but now lives in Melbourne.

But the signings have been offset by some very significant losses.

Dave O'Connor, player-coach for two seasons, has joined Preston Makedonia, Zlavko Visic has gone to Ringwood United and Nick Antoniou has joined Rosebud.

Another major loss is that of Ian McCarthy to Western Suburbs.

Best players in recent matches have been Mike Kulpic, Rajko Curcija and Alex Marshall.

A tussle has developed between Northcote and Albion Rovers over the services of Juventus striker George Gillan.

"George will play for us and be assistant coach," said Albion coach Frank Munro.

"No matter what Munro thinks, if we want Gillan he'll sign for us," said Northcote spokesman Steve Williams.

We won't know about Gillan's decision until March 19 when the VSF Appeals Board hears the Juventus appeal against the board's decision to lower Gillan's transfer price to \$1500.

Meanwhile Munro, in his first coaching assignment, has signed Peter Scarlett and Kaz Piotrowski.

Scarlett played with State League club Sunshine last year on loan from South Melbourne Hellas. Albion paid Hellas \$500 for the promising full back.

Piotrowski was signed from last year's Fourth Division champion Werribee. Previously he was a regular with Sunshine.

Munro will go to England in December and plans to bring back two or three players if Albion is promoted.

Victorian Second Division club Knox City has signed Dave Garthwaite and Nigel Murray.

Garthwaite ex-Makedonia and Wilhelmia crossed from Polonia or \$2500.

Murray, a young midfielder, crossed from Provisional First Division club Mooroolbark.

Mike Sineclair has joined Metro Third Division club Ringwood United as player-coach and Keith Webster is looking for another club.

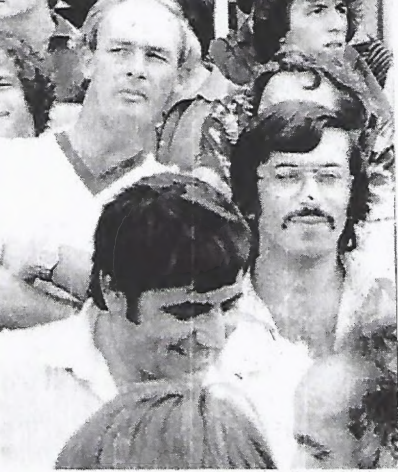
Former Footscray JUST star Milenko Ruzmir is coach of Knox.

Sweeper Paul Deeming and striker David Thompson have left Moreland and joined Sandringham City.

The package deal, believed to be worth about \$1,500 was completed last week.

Moreland has signed 27-year-old midfielder Bernie Nadlony from Adelaide Polonia. He has had five years' senior experience in the South Australian State League.

First team keeper Mike Debutjak has come off the transfer list and has signed a new contract with the club.



Jim O'Reilly — watching and waiting.

Ajax snares Williams

Victorian State League club Green Gully Ajax last Saturday added the name of Heidelberg winger Jim Williams to its long list of recruits for season 1981.

In a deal believed to be about \$6,000 Ajax beat off attempts by Footscray Croatia, and Northcote to sign Williams.

But one of the rules of the Ampol Cup states that a player must play in an earlier round to be eligible for the semi-final or final stage of the competition.

McLachlan was in a jovial mood when asked whether he intended signing more new players.

"I'll have to read the daily papers to find out if anyone else has joined," he said.

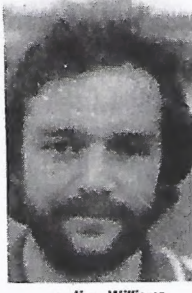
"All the players that were here last year hide whenever I walk into the dressing room."

Grant Smart has been transfer listed for \$2,000. The move occurred last Friday but to Smart's credit he answered McLachlan's call to strip for Ajax in last Saturday night's semi-final.

"I've got nothing but admiration for Grant. He had been in bed all week with a viral complaint and was transfer listed late last week. But I rang him and asked him to do a job for the club and he performed very well," said McLachlan.

Another who could be on the move is versatile Footscray player Zoran Illoski.

The libero or midfielder hasn't come to terms with Footscray over a new contract. Heidelberg and Preston reportedly are interested in signing him.



● Jim Williams

TA NEA TON OMAΔON MΑΣ ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΣΗΜΕΙΟ ΤΟΥ ΗΓΗΝΑΤΥ

ΚΑΘΑΝΤΩ ΕΙΣΤΥ
Τό Κόλλιντν Σίτυ στόν πρότο ποτό άγώνα τού πρωταθλήματος γιά τό Προβίσιοναλ Λίγκ, πέτυχε πολύτιμη ισοπαλία εντός έδρας μέ τό Ισοπαλία εντός έδρας 2-2.
"Η ελληνική μας ομάδα έπαιξε δυνατά και κατέβηκε στό πρώτο μέρος μέ κόντρα τόν άδρα μέ κριτικές, τό σκόρ έκούσε 1-1.
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Τό 2ο ημίχρονο τό Κόλλιντν πέτυχε στην έπίθεση αλλά ού έπυχε τερματισθείς στην γηπέδου και μετά από πολλές κόν-τρες, άδύνηκε τέσσερα.
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ADELAIDE GIANTS

P.O. BOX 534, NORWOOD, S.A., 5067
SECRETARY: C. Picarello (08) 223 0230 (Bus).
COACH: B. D'Ottavi
GROUND: Olympic Sportsfield, Kensington
 (08) 332 5614, 332 5618



COLOURS: Black, white
 This week's match: v **KINGWAY OLYMPIC** at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 3.30 pm

LEICHHARDT STRIKERS

38-42 FRAZER ST, LEICHHARDT, 2040
SECRETARY: H. Ambrose (02) 516 1688
COACH: W. Wallace
GROUND: Lambert Park, 569 6845 (match day)
PROMOTION OFFICER: T. Raciti 82 0187
COLOURS: Maroon, sky blue



No official match this week.

ADELAIDE HAWKS

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE, SA, 5001
SECRETARY: P. Stilianopoulos (08) 352 1494
COACH: B. Birch
GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St.
COLOURS: Blue white stripes, blue shorts
SPONSOR: Dominion Finance



No official match this week

NEWCASTLE KB RAIDERS

4 NORTHWOOD ST, ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, 2289
SECRETARY: P. Trisley (049) 24 930 (Bus)
COACH: A. VEST
GROUND: International Sports Centre,
 Turton Rd, New Lambton (049) 52 1224



SPONSOR: Tooth & Co, Brewers of KB Beer
 This week's match: v **CANBERRA ARROWS** at National Athletic Stadium (Canberra) Sunday 3 pm

BLACKTOWN DEMONS

62 SEVEN HILLS ROAD NORTH, SEVEN HILLS 2147
624 3344
SECRETARY: P. R. Thorne (624 3344)
COACH: R. Rasic
GROUND: Gabbie Stadium, Quinn Ave, Seven Hills
COLOURS: White, red blk trim
 Black, red white trim Black, red white



This week's match: v **SYDNEY SLICKERS** at International Sports Centre (Newcastle) Sunday 2.30 pm

MARCONI LEOPARDS

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, NSW 2176
SECRETARY: M. Urukalo (02) 604 5095
 604 5222
COACH: R. Blanco
GROUND: Marconi Stadium, Marconi Rd, Bossley Park
COLOURS: White & red, blue trim



SPONSOR: Datsun
 This week's match: v **FOOTSCRAY EAGLES** at Schintler Reserve (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm

BRISBANE GLADIATORS

P.O. BOX 265 BROADWAY, BRISBANE 4001
Ph: 356 8834
SECRETARY: G. Canale (07) 52 4711
COACH: G. Potter
GROUND: Spencer Park
SPONSOR: Stock 84 Brandy



No official match this week

PRESTON RAMS

211 SMITH ST, FITZROY, VIC 3065
SECRETARY: P. Mouka 651 2401
COACH: B. Edgley
GROUND: B. T. Connor Reserve,
 Cnr Radford Rd & Broadhurst Ave, Reservoir.
COLOURS: Red, black, gold

No official match this week.

BRISBANE LIONS

P.O. BOX 310 DARRA, QLD, 4076
SECRETARY: L. Oudendyk
COACH: M. Carson
GROUND: Lions Stadium, Pine Rd., Richlands
 (07) 372 2989
COLOURS: Orange and Blue



No official match this week

STH. MELBOURNE GUNNERS

P.O. BOX 64, ST KILDA WEST, Vic, 3182
SECRETARY: N. Sagiakos,
 528 6196 (Bus) (Restaurant 534 4141)
COACH: J. Margaritis
GROUND: Middle Park Stadium, Middle Park.
 534 5408, 534 5462
COLORS: Blue and white.



No official match this week

CANBERRA ARROWS

P.O. BOX 910 CANBERRA CITY, ACT 2601 (062) 48 8215
SECRETARY: R. Preston 48 8215
COACH: G. Murray
GROUND: National Athletic Stadium, Bruce
SPONSOR: "Lotto"
COLOURS: White with multi colour stripes



This week's match: v **NEWCASTLE KB RAIDERS** at National Athletic Stadium (Canberra) Sunday 3 pm

SYDNEY OLYMPIANS

P.O. BOX 291 WATERLOO, N.S.W. 2017
SECRETARY: N. Smilis 88 1337
COACH: T. Docherty
GROUND: Pratten Park
COLOURS: Royal blue, white



This week's match: v **HEIDELBERG WARRIORS** at Olympic Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm

HEIDELBERG WARRIORS

P.O. BOX 8, COLLINGWOOD, 3066
MANAGER: O. Norris 792 9348 (Bus)
 459 4652 (AH)
SECRETARY: S. Rombotis 428 3720
COACH: M. Polukakis
GROUND: Olympic Park (03) 42 0642
COLOURS: Blk and gold



This week's match: v **SYDNEY OLYMPIC** at Olympic Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm

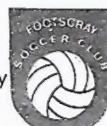
SYDNEY SLICKERS

61 HALL ST, BONDI, N.S.W. 2026
SECRETARY: D. Childs (02) 30 3344 (Bus)
 (AH) 525 7734
COACH: E. Thomson
GROUND: Sydney Sports Ground
SPONSOR: Presto Smallgoods
COLOURS: Sky blue, white hoops (White shorts) red socks
 This week's match: v **BLACKTOWN DEMONS** at International Sports Centre (Newcastle) Sunday 2.30 pm.



FOOTSCRAY EAGLES

P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182
SECRETARY: L. Tanovski, 470 4734
COACH: C. Cirkovic
GROUND: Schintler Reserve, Footscray Road, Footscray
COLOURS: Blue, white, red.



This week's match: v **MARCONI LEOPARDS** at Schintler Reserve (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm

WOLLONGONG WOLVES

P.O. BOX 1706 WOLLONGONG
SECRETARY: R. Drake (042) 29 2018 (Bus)
COACH: K. Morton
GROUND: Wollongong Showgrounds
COLOURS: Red, white trim

This week's match: v **DOWNER OLYMPIC** at Corrimal Memorial Park (Wollongong) Saturday 3 pm